

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MEXICO 02162 230044Z

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00

SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 /050 W

-----230049 004772 /66

R 230016Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 463

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MEXICO 2162

EO 11652 : N/A

TAGS : PINR SOPN MX

SUBJ : CIA PAYMENTS - MEXICAN CONNECTION ALLEGED

1. SUMMARY : EXCELSIOR, FEB 20, CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY BY PIERRE LESOURD OF FRANCE PRESS TO EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ORDERED IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ALL CIA PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN PERSONALITIES AND HEADS OF STATE FOLLOWING

WASHINGTON POST REVELATIONS RE PAYMENTS TO KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN AND OTHER FOREIGN LEADERS. EXCELSIOR CLAIMED THAT IT HAD INFORMATION THAT CIA PAYMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO A VARIETY OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE MEXICANS (NO NAMES CITED) AND PRINTED SEPARATE AP ARTICLE SPECIFICALLY ANMING FORMER PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA AS RECIPIENT OF CIA PAYMENTS DURING TIME HE SERVED AS SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO MENTIONING VARIOUS FOREIGN LEADERS WHO ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED CIA MONEY, ARTICLE CITED INFORMATION COLLECTED BY EXCELSIOR CORRESPONDENT FAUSTO FERNANDEZ PONTE TO EFFECT THAT CIA HAS PAID MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO:

- LABOR/PEASANT LEADERS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POLI-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MEXICO 02162 230044Z

TICIANS, INCLUDING THE MEXICAN PRI

- SECURITY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MEXICANS (UNNAMED)

- DIPLOMATS, INCLUDING MEXICANS STATIONED IN NATIONS WITH "PLANNED ECONOMIES OR POPULAR DEMOCRACIES" - AMONG THEM CUBA

- STUDENT LEADERS IN EIGHT LA COUNTRIES AND NEWS-PAPER AND MAGAZINE OWNERS, INCLUDING OWNERS OF

THREE MEXICO CITY PAPERS.

3. IN SEPARATE, FOLLOW-ON REPORT, EXCELSIOR PRINTED AN ARTICLE (DATELINED NEW YORK, FEB 19) HIGHLIGHTING THE DENIAL BY VENEZUELA'S UN AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ EVER RECEIVED CIA MONEY. IN POINTED REFERENCE TO MEXICO, ARTICLE REFERRED TO NY TIMES STORY NAMING NOT ONLY PEREZ BUT ALSO FORMER MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA AS HAVING RECEIVED MONEY FOR VARIOUS PERIODS WHILE SERVING AS INTERIOR MINISTER (SECRETARIA DE GOVERNACION).

4. ONHMEB 21, ECHEVERRIA - RESPONDING THROUGH AN OFFICIAL OF THE THIRD WORLD INSTITUTE - DESCRIBED SUCH CHARGES AS "BASE AND CHURLISH". SEVERAL SENATORS ALSO RALLIED TO ECHEVERRIA'S DEFENSE, CALLING THE CIA ALLEGATIONS THAT MEXICAN OFFICIALS WERE SUBORNED AS "CALUMNIOUS, TENDACIOUS AND FALSE".

5. IN GENERAL, THESE OFFICIALS AND THE GOVERNMENT ORIENTED PRESS VIGOROUSLY DENIED STORIES OF CIA PAY-OFFS AND DEMANDED THAT THEY EITHER BE RETRACTED OR THAT CONCRETE PROOF AND EVIDENCE BE PRODUCED TO SUSTAIN THEM. A COMPREHENSIVE ROUNDUP OF PRESS REACTION TO THE STORIES OF CIA PAYMENTS IN MEXICO AND ELSEWHERE FOLLOWS.

6. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUIRIES, EMBASSY AS MATTER OF POLICY IS NOT COMMENTING ON ANY OF THE ALLEGATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MEXICO 02162 230044Z

CONTAINED IN REFERENCED ARTICLES.  
THOMPSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, CORRUPTION, ALLEGATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 23-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977MEXICO02162  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770061-1289  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** MEXICO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770218/aaaaappu.tel  
**Line Count:** 99  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** a62e61c0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 18-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3254055  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CIA PAYMENTS - MEXICAN CONNECTION ALLEGED  
**TAGS:** PINR, SOPN, MX, CIA  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/a62e61c0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009